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To whom it may concern,

I believe it is a prudent and reasonable conclusion on the Court's behalf to bring this case to a settlement with the agreement put together under the direction of Judge Kollar-Kotelly.

The case against Microsoft was primarily dredged up out of competitive spite. And now, many commentators, pundits, and others offering opinions have missed the bigger point. The technology industry is one built on competition, and it advances and evolves through that function.

Government regulators, however, must move at the unhurried rate of political expedience, not at the eye-popping rate of development which the information technology industry moves.

Settling this case is most certainly in the public interest. We should bring innovation back to the marketplace and return the technology sector to its competitive spirit.

The economy is better off with Microsoft in the marketplace, and their place at the table in the technology sector generates jobs, opens markets, and brings investment. It only makes sense to settle this case. I urge you to do just that.

Sincerely,

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